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**Subject: Re: Statement from NOAA**

It's Seth Borenstein, AP science writer.

Was Noaa asked to put this statement out by the White House? Was this statement approved by any leader at the National Hurricane Center? Why was Alabama not mentioned in any of the wind speed probability charts, none? Are you saying that as of Monday Sept 2, Alabama was under a serious threat from Dorian? If so, how?

What percentage threat on each of those days mentioned? How come the National Hurricane Center never mentioned Alabama in any text advisories or charts if there was a serious threat? How many phone calls or emails or other forms of correspondence did Noaa get from the White House about Alabama and Dorian in the past week? Same with NHC?

Do you worry about politics changing Noaa's credibility? Is this the first time the White House has intervened on hurricane messaging?

Thank you and I'm on deadline

Seth

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On Sep 6, 2019, at 4:45 PM, NOAA Communications <[noaa@meltwater.com](mailto:noaa@meltwater.com)> wrote:



## Statement attributable to a NOAA Spokesperson

September 6, 2019

From Wednesday, August 28, through Monday, September 2, the information provided by NOAA and the National Hurricane Center to President Trump and the wider public demonstrated that tropical-storm-force winds from Hurricane Dorian could impact Alabama. This is clearly demonstrated in Hurricane Advisories #15 through #41, which can be viewed at the following [link](#).

The Birmingham National Weather Service's Sunday morning tweet spoke in absolute terms that were inconsistent with probabilities from the best forecast products available at the time.

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